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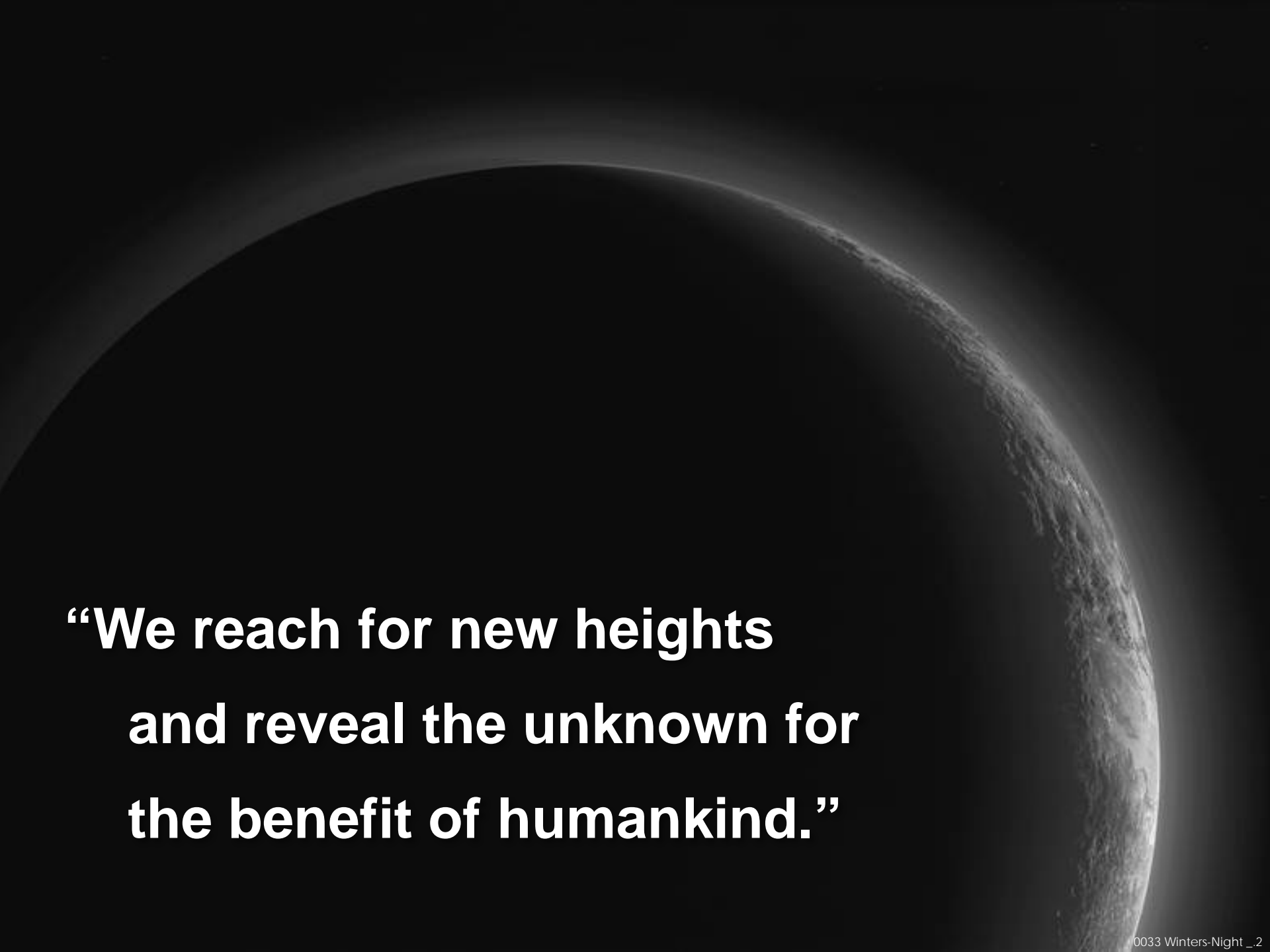
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**“We reach for new heights
and reveal the unknown for
the benefit of humankind.”**

A full-page background image showing a sunset over a body of water. The sky is filled with large, billowing clouds that are illuminated from below by the setting sun, creating a vibrant palette of orange, red, and yellow. The sun itself is a bright, glowing orb partially obscured by the clouds. In the foreground, a dark wooden pier extends from the bottom right towards the center of the frame. At the end of the pier is a small, square wooden pavilion with a dark roof. The water is calm, reflecting the colors of the sky. The overall mood is serene and dramatic.

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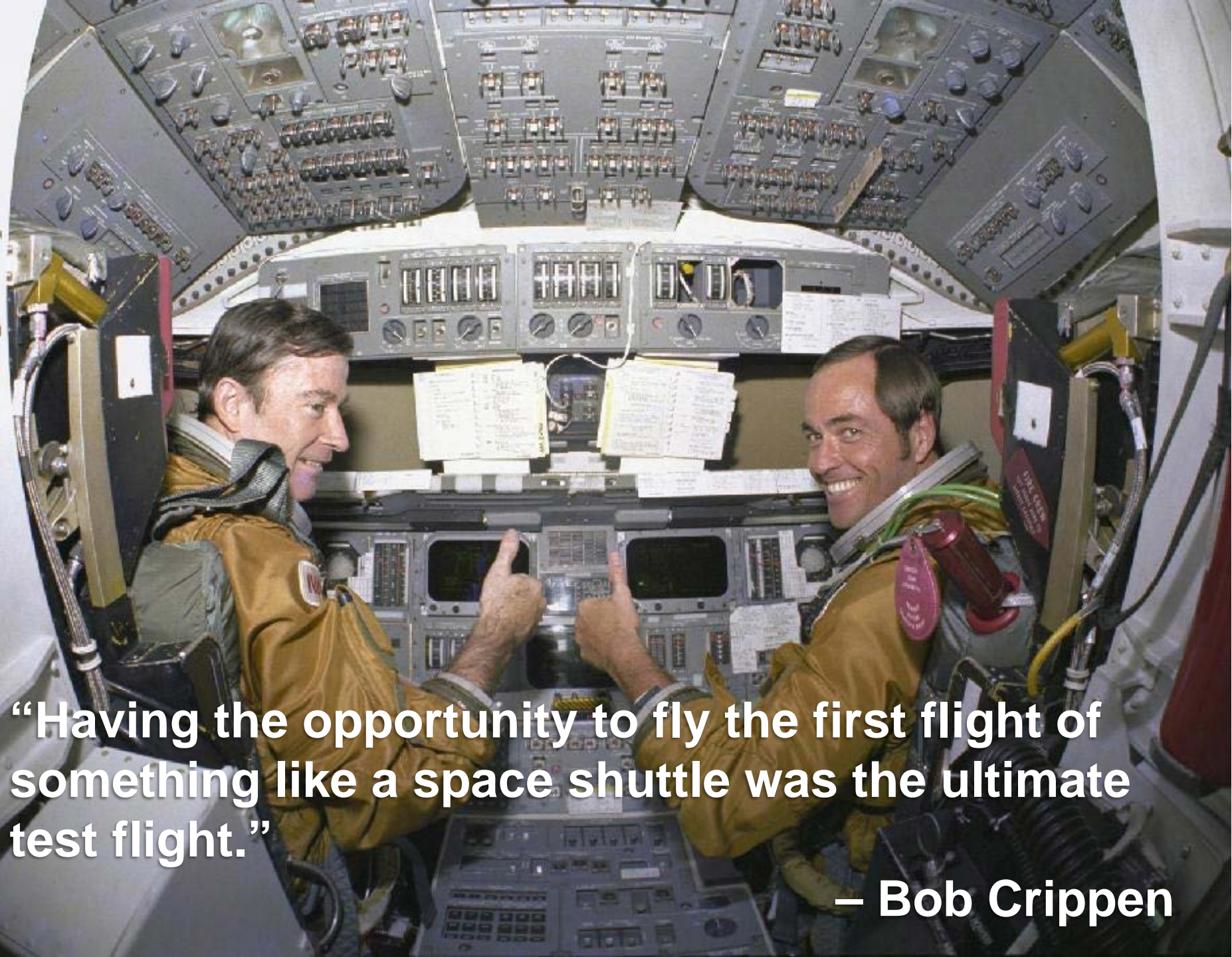


“We plan to fly some more and intend to conquer cosmic space as it should be done.”

“There was a demon that lived in the air.

**They said whoever challenged him
would die.”**





“Having the opportunity to fly the first flight of something like a space shuttle was the ultimate test flight.”

– Bob Crippen

A photograph of a harbor scene where a large blue and red cargo ship is being hoisted by a crane, stacked on top of another identical ship. The ship's hull is blue with a prominent red stripe. The scene is set in a harbor with other smaller boats and a yellow tugboat visible in the foreground. The sky is clear and blue.

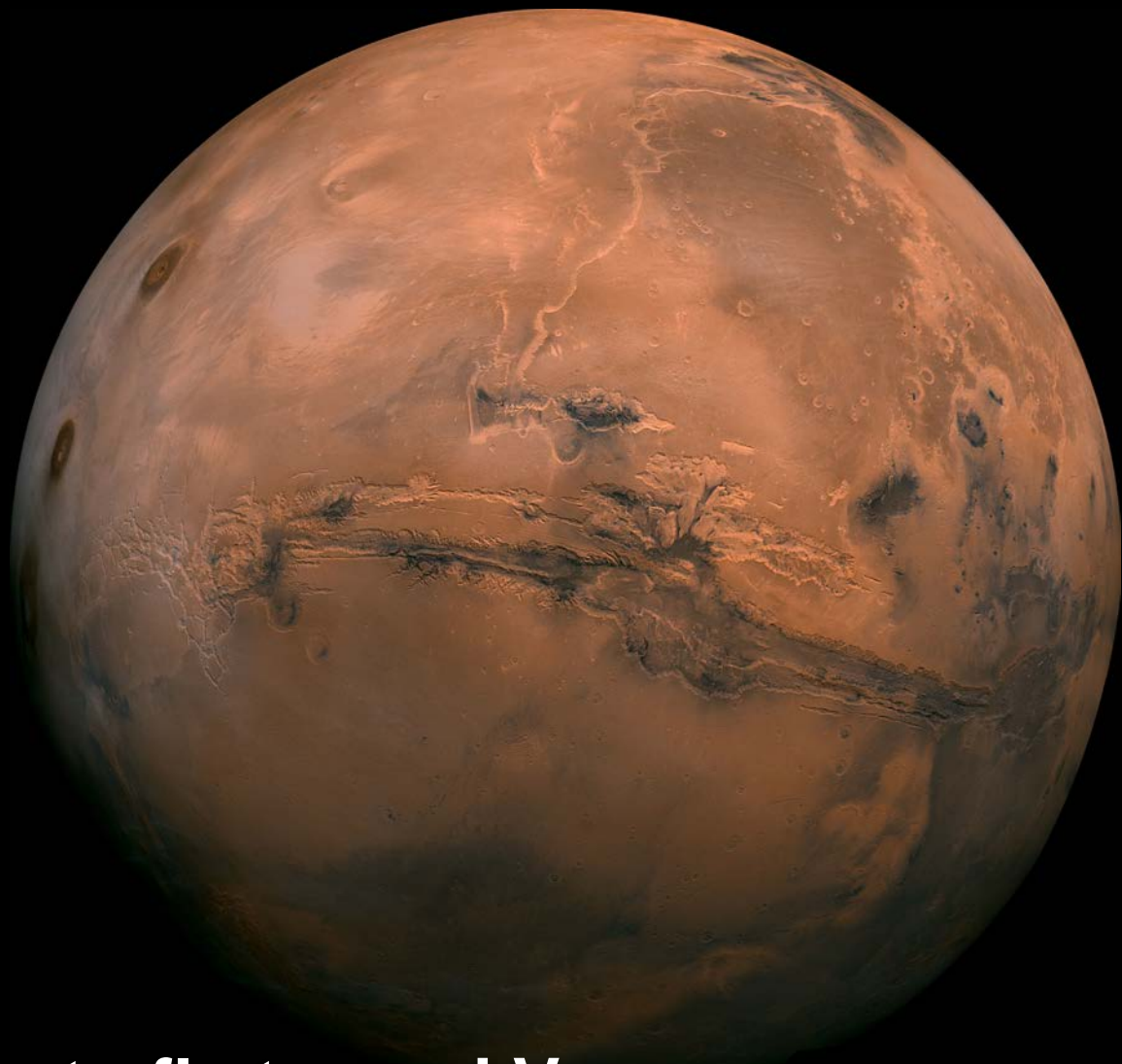
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**...to ship-shipping ships shipping
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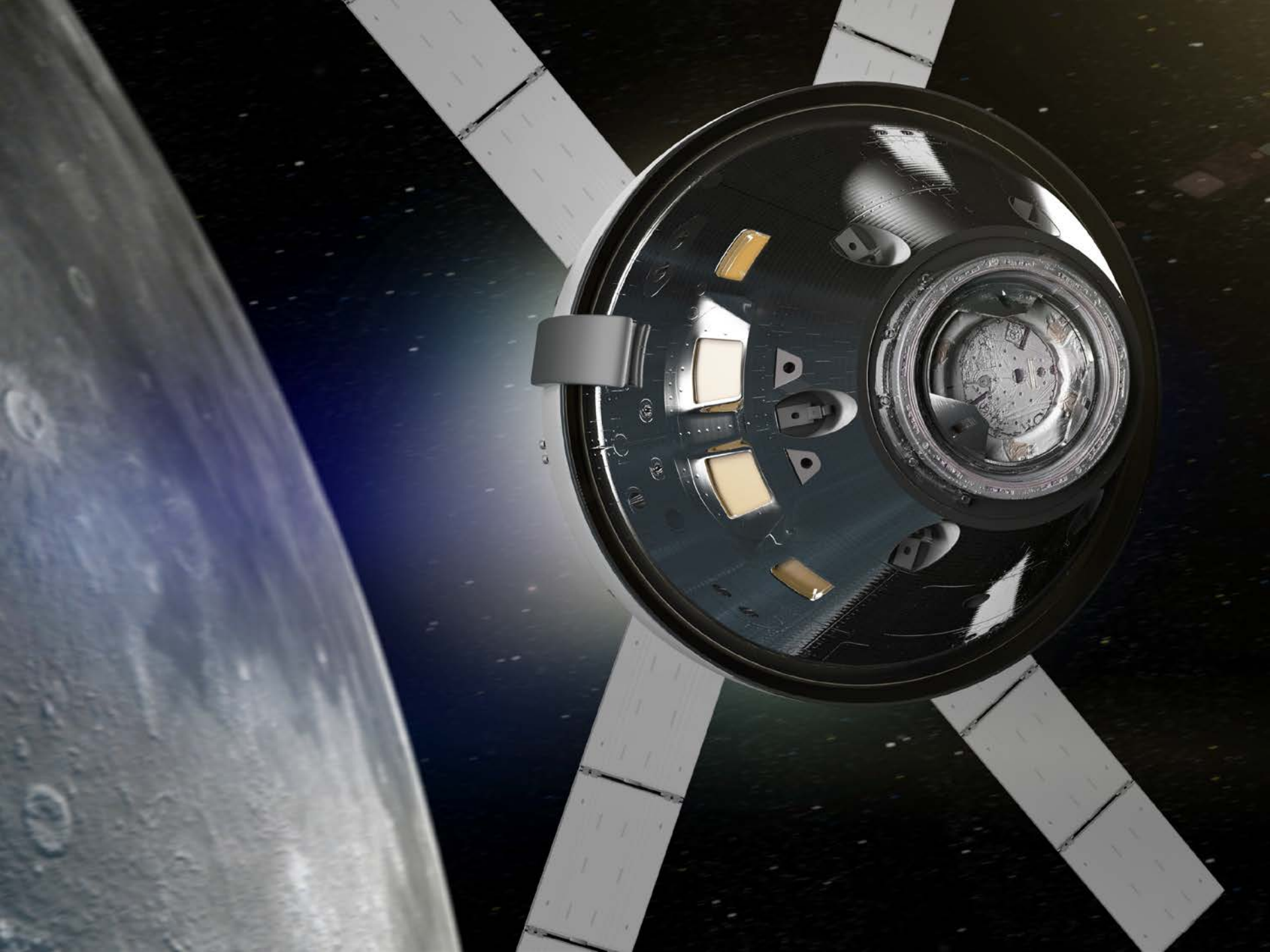




**“My biggest wish is to fly toward Venus,
toward Mars, which is really flying.”**

– Yuri Gagarin







“Orbiting Earth in the spaceship, I saw how beautiful our planet is.”

– Yuri Gagarin



“The real pleasure was ... looking at this beautiful spaceship Earth we’re lucky to inhabit.”

– Bob Crippen



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